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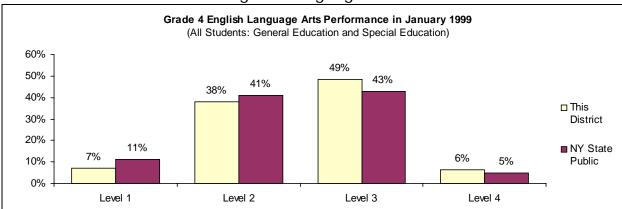
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English Language Arts



Performance in This District		Counts of Students								
			Not Tested		Tested					Mean Score
l in	This district	IEP ¹	ELL ²	Absent ³	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Total	30016
1	General Education		60	19	23	195	298	42	558	652
Jan 1999	Special Education	2	2	7	23	52	19	0	94	621
	All Students	2	62	26	46	247	317	42	652	648

Grade 4 English Language Arts Levels - Listening, Reading, and Writing Standards

Level 4 (692-800)	These students exceed the standards and are moving toward high performance on the Regents examination. They show superior knowledge and skill for each standard for elementary students, and proficient intermediate-level skills in listening, reading and writing. Students show thorough understanding of written and oral text. Students' writing is well organized, with minor errors that do not interfere with readability.
Level 3 (645-691)	These students meet the standards and, with continued steady growth, should pass the Regents examination. They show knowledge and skill for each standard for elementary students, and show some intermediate-level skills in listening, reading and writing. Students show understanding of written and oral text. Students' writing is generally focused and organized, with minor errors that do not interfere with readability.
Level 2 (603-644)	These students need extra help to meet the standards and pass the Regents examination. They show some knowledge and skill for each standard for elementary students, but none of the intermediate-level skills in listening, reading and writing. Students show partial understanding of written and oral text. Students' writing has some focus and basic organization and uses simple sentences and vocabulary. Errors sometimes interfere with readability.
Level 1 (455-602)	These students have serious academic deficiencies. They show no evidence of any proficiency in one or more of the elementary standards and incomplete proficiency in all three of the standards. Students show minimal understanding of written and oral text. Students' writing is brief, general, or uses repetitive statements, and reveals difficulty in organizing thoughts. Errors interfere with readability.

Performance of English Language Learners (ELL)

English language learners (ELL), formerly referred to as limited English proficient (LEP), are students for whom English is a second language. Schools assist these students in learning English so they can participate effectively in the academic program. ELL students without sufficient proficiency in English are not required to take the grade 4 ELA test.² Their progress in learning English is measured, using standardized tests, and reported.

Grade 4	English Proficiency Below Effective Participation Level	Making Appropriate Progress
January 1999	62	72

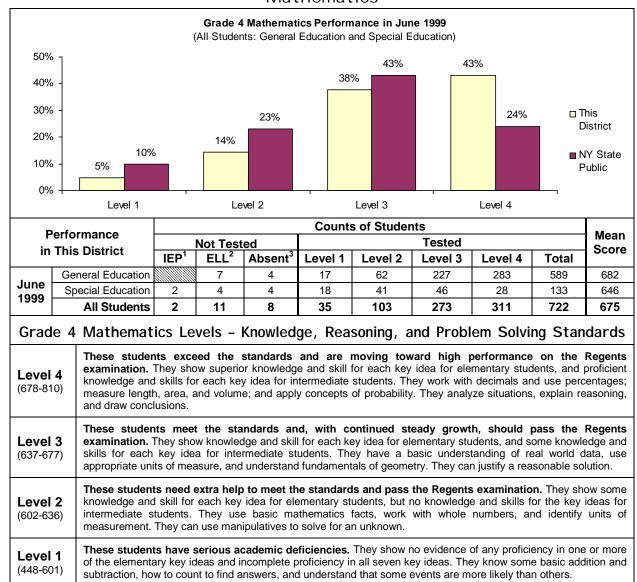
¹ These students with disabilities were exempt from this test because of their disability. This exemption is stated in their Individualized Educational Program (IEP).

These students were not required to take the grade 4 ELA test because they were English Language Learners (ELL) who perform below the 30th percentile on another appropriate English reading assessment. Other grade 4 ELL students must take this test.

³ These students were enrolled at the time of testing, but were not present to complete some part of the ELA assessment.

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Mathematics



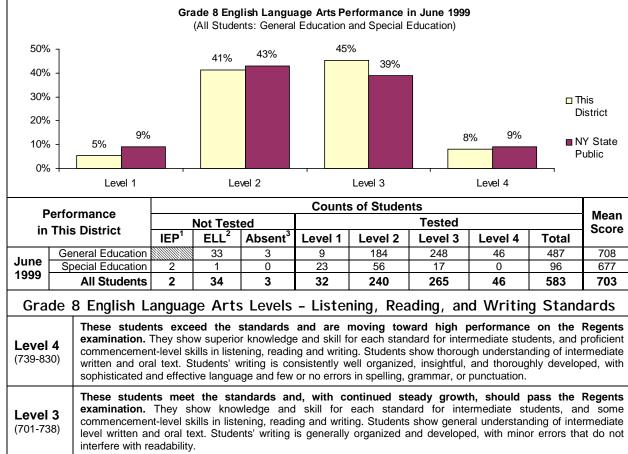
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³ These students were enrolled at the time of testing, but were not present to complete some part of the mathematics assessment.

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Level 2 (662-700)

These students need extra help to meet the standards and pass the Regents examination. They show some knowledge and skill for each standard for intermediate students. Students show partial understanding of intermediate-level written and oral text. Students' writing has some focus and basic organization and uses simple sentences and vocabulary. Errors sometimes interfere with comprehension.

Level 1 (527-661)

These students have serious academic deficiencies. They show no evidence of any proficiency in one or more of the standards for intermediate students and incomplete proficiency in all three of the standards. Students show minimal understanding of intermediate-level written and oral text. Students' writing is brief, general, or uses repetitive statements, and reveals difficulty in organizing thoughts. Errors interfere with both readability and comprehension.

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Grade 8	English Proficiency Below Effective Participation Level	Making Appropriate Progress
June 1999	34	34

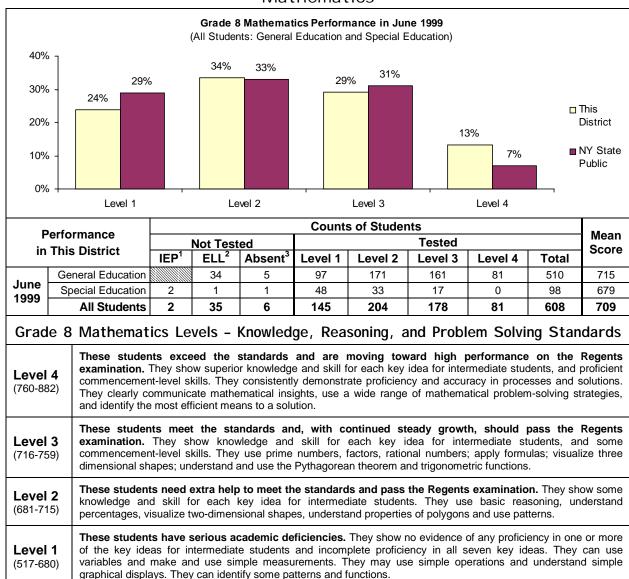
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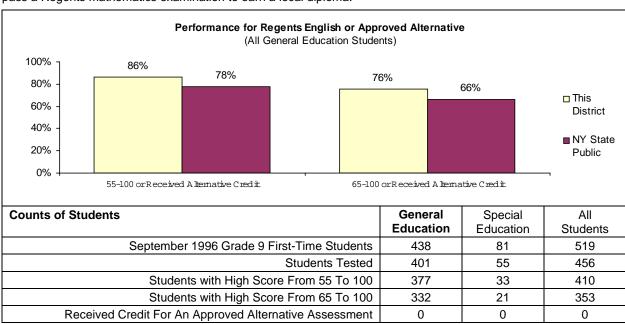
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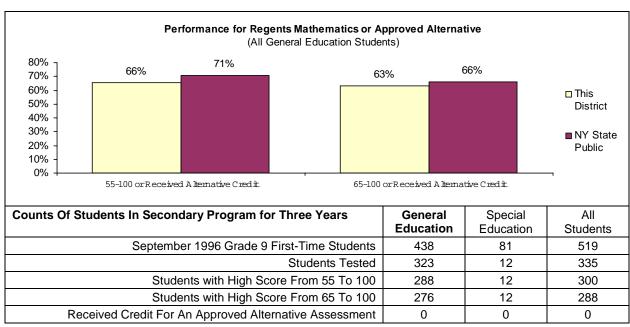
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Cohort Performance

This cohort includes all students enrolled in this district in June 1999 who first entered grade 9 in September 1996. General education students in this cohort must pass the Regents English examination to earn a high school diploma. Special education students who do not pass the Regents English examination may meet this graduation requirement by passing the Regents Competency Tests in both reading and writing. Students in this cohort are not required to pass a Regents mathematics examination to earn a local diploma.





Students who score 55 to 64 may earn a local diploma with the approval of the local school board. Only the highest score of each student is counted, regardless of how many times or in which years the student may have taken the examination.

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School District Profile

Superintendent: Ms. Linda E. Kelly Phone: (914)576-4200						
Organizati 1998-99	rganization School Staff (both full- and part-time)					
Grade Range	Student Enrollment	Count of Teachers	Count of Other Professionals	Count of Paraprofessionals		
K-12	9,354	643	112	131		

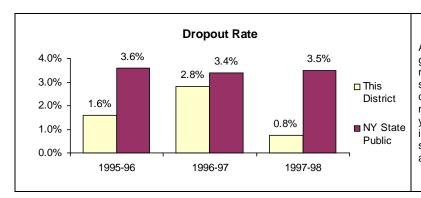
Public Total Expenditure per Pupil	1997-98
This School District	\$12,612
New York State	\$9,810

District Student Enrollment							
Grade Levels	October 1998	Grade Levels	October 1998				
Pre-Kindergarten	300	Grade 7	695				
Kindergarten	680	Grade 8	670				
Grade 1	772	Grade 9	875				
Grade 2	757	Grade 10	704				
Grade 3	757	Grade 11	606				
Grade 4	731	Grade 12	493				
Grade 5	696	Ungraded Elementary with Disabilities	111				
Grade 6	761	Ungraded Secondary with Disabilities	46				

Student Demographics	199	6-97	199	7-98	1998-99		99
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	NY Statewide Public Percent
English Language Learners	934	10.2%	1062	11.4%	1245	12.9%	7.5%
Eligible For Free Lunch	2733	32.9%	2888	34.2%	3075	35.0%	38.5%

Need / Resource Capacity Group

The Education Department groups school districts for policy analysis based on certain demographic factors. This is a school district with average student needs in relation to district resource capacity.



A dropout is any student who left school prior to graduation for any reason except death and did not enter another school or approved high school equivalency preparation program. The dropout rate is calculated by dividing the total number of students who dropped out in a given year by the total fall enrollment in grades 9-12, including that portion of the ungraded secondary student enrollment that can be attributed to grades 9-12.